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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Gatherer et al. (TI-30024)

Conf. No. 1361

Serial No. 09/772,499

Group Art Unit: 2634

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Examiner: Vartanian

For: MAP Decoding with Parallelized Sliding Window Processing

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Introductory Comments:

This paper is presented in response to the Office Action mailed on April 13, 2004. It is submitted that this paper is fully responsive to that Office Action. Reconsideration of this application, based on the following amendment and accompanying remarks is respectfully requested.

Amendment to the claims begins on page 2.

Applicants' remarks begin on page 6.